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WINNERS

NEARLY two score youngsters, approaching maturity with a clear-eyed and fearless enthusiasm which the observer can but envy, have taken a momentous step, the full effects of which ultimately will be cumulative and far reaching—in their own lives, in Torrance, and in the world.

Here is a battalion of that vast cohort, the cream of younger America, advancing with unflinching pace upon its own and the country's destiny. It is with a feeling of expansion about the chest that one witnesses the awarding to 36 gloriously upstanding young men and women of diplomas certifying the splendid accomplishment of a difficult task; and it is with a tightening of the throat that one realizes Torrance is mustering into Civilization's huge standing army of education one of its very finest units.

Torrance High School's Class of 1927, which emerged into the world of greater strife and higher accomplishment last Thursday night, was one of the ablest and most promising aggregations of young people that the community ever has produced.

That fact should plumb a well of deep satisfaction in the heart of every Torrance citizen. Torrance has and supports a magnificent high school. It has grown and is growing amazingly. Torrance should be outstandingly proud of it, "not so much for the appurtenances thereof," in the words of I. B. Monlux, deputy superintendent of schools of the Los Angeles district, as for the splendid manhood and womanhood it has and is producing, potential citizens of the type that is America.

They come upon the stage with a zest born of confidence, ideas unstated and ideals untarnished by sordid contact. It is such as there who should be spared the baser machinations of what we call the world. But whether or not they are so spared, the witness of Commencement Night in Torrance High School auditorium cannot but have firm faith that they will win.

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ARTICLE No. 36

In the previous articles reference was made to duplicate auction and the variable results obtained in the play of one hand at different tables. Here is an unusual hand that caused considerable discussion at a recent duplicate game at one of the New York card clubs:

Hearts—A, J, 7, 6, 2 Clubs—J, 10 Diamonds—J, 10, 9 Spades—9, 8, 5

: A Y B : : Z :

Hearts—none Clubs—A, Q, 8, 5, 4, 2 Diamonds—7, 5 Spades—A, Q, 10, 7, 3

At table No. 1 Z dealt and bid one club, A bid one heart, Y and B passed. Z bid two spades, A and Y passed, and B bid two hearts. Z bid three spades, all passed, and by clever play Z scored four odd in spades. His score was thus 125 points for game, 36 points for tricks, and 30 points for honors; a total of 191 points. At table No. 2 Z bid one spade, A bid two hearts, Y doubled, and all passed. A-B just made two hearts doubled, and thus scored 125 points for game, 32 points for tricks, 30 points for honors, and 50 points for making the contract; a total of 237 points. Z's failure to bid three clubs over Y's double of two hearts was thus a very costly mistake. If he had bid three clubs A would have passed and Y would have bid three spades, having three spades and only two clubs. Z's mistake thus cost him and his partner a net loss of 428 points. This hand shows the great losses that players suffer by bad bidding, yet which may not be noticed in regular play. At duplicate auction, however, the results are all tabulated, and if you make such a mistake you cannot help but notice when you compare results with your friends. Duplicate auction thus offers a fine opportunity to improve one's game, and should be taken advantage of whenever possible.

Answer to Problem No. 42

In the following hand, given in the preceding article, B is playing the hand at one diamond. The question now can B make a little slam against the best defense if Z opens the ace of clubs?

Hearts—J, 9, 8, 3 Clubs—Q, J, 2 Diamonds—2 Spades—10, 8, 4, 3, 2

Hearts—6, 4 Clubs—K, 9, 7, 5, 4 Diamonds—Q, J Spades—K, Q, 9, 5

: Y : : Hearts—A, Q, 7, 2 Clubs—none Diamonds—K, 10, 7, 6, 5, 3 Spades—A, J, 7

Hearts—K, 10, 5 Clubs—A, 10, 8, 6, 3 Diamonds—A, 9, 8, 4 Spades—6

B should trump the ace of clubs with the trey of diamonds. He should now lead the five of diamonds. Z should play the four, and A wins the trick with the jack. A should then lead the queen of diamonds, Y should discard the deuce of spades, and Z should again refuse to win the trick. A should now lead the five of spades, B winning the trick with the jack of spades. B should now lead the ten of diamonds, and Z wins the trick, A discarding the five of clubs and Y the four of spades. Z's best play now is the trey of clubs. A should play low, Y the jack, and B should trump. B should now lead the king of diamonds and drop Z's last trump. A should discard the four of hearts, and Y the eight of spades. B should now lead three rounds of spades. Z is thus forced to make three discards. He can discard one heart and one club, but what will he discard on the third trick? If he discards a club A's two clubs are good. If he discards a heart B's ace and queen of hearts are good. In either event, therefore, A-B must make the balance or the tricks. It is a neat little problem and a fine example of the "squeeze" play.

Answer to Problem No. 43

Hearts—none Clubs—A, 9 Diamonds—10, 8 Spades—none

Hearts—none Clubs—10 Diamonds—9, 7 Spades—7

: Y : : Hearts—K Clubs—none Diamonds—J, 6 Spades—6

Hearts—9 Clubs—none Diamonds—A, 4 Spades—3

There are no trumps, and Z is in the lead. How can Y-Z win three of the four tricks against any defense? Z should lead the trey of spades. A wins the trick. Y should discard the nine of clubs and B follow suit. A can now lead either clubs or diamonds. (1) If A leads clubs Y wins the trick and B is forced to discard. If he discards the king of hearts Z should discard the four of diamonds, and both of Z's tricks are good. If B discards a diamond Z should discard the nine of hearts, and Y-Z then have two good diamond tricks. (2) If A leads the seven of diamonds Y plays the eight. If A leads the nine of diamonds Y plays the ten. In either case, matter what B plays, Y-Z must win two diamond and one club trick. It is a tricky little problem, but of a type that comes up frequently, so study it over carefully.



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